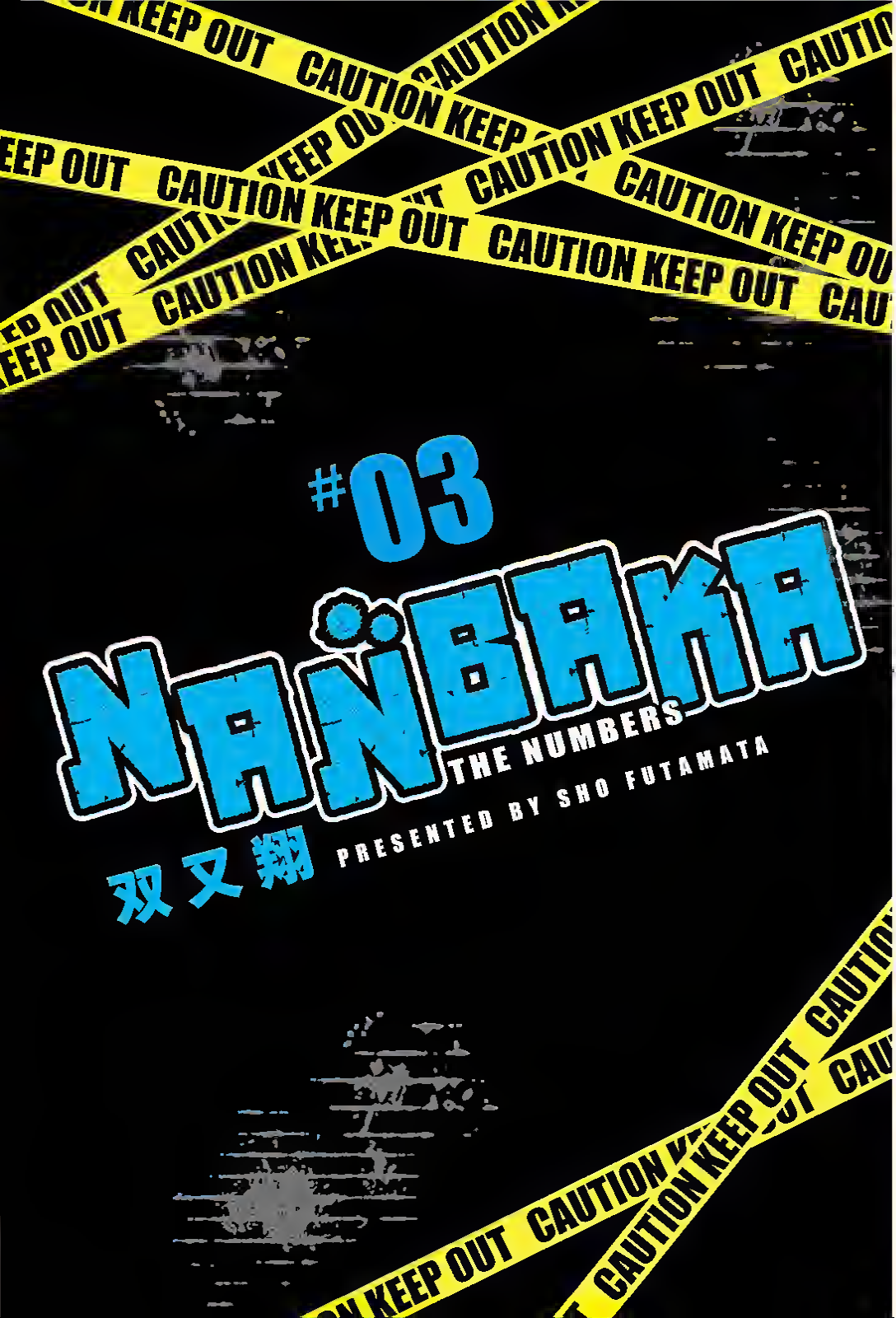
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MANIAC
THE NUMBERS
双叉翔
PRESENTED BY SHO FUTAMATA

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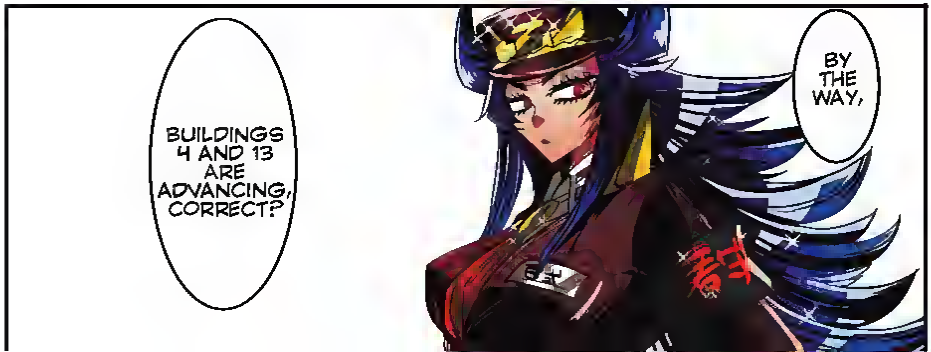
HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE
FOR VALENTINE'S
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
PANG
WARDEN! THE INMATES MOVING ON TO THE FINAL EVENT HAVE BEEN DETER-MINED!
WOOHOO!
AYE-AYE.
うるさぜ。
YOU'RE LOUD
メンゴ!
MY BAD
BUT WOULD YOU KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN? YOU'RE HURT-ING MY EARS!
I KNOW THAT!

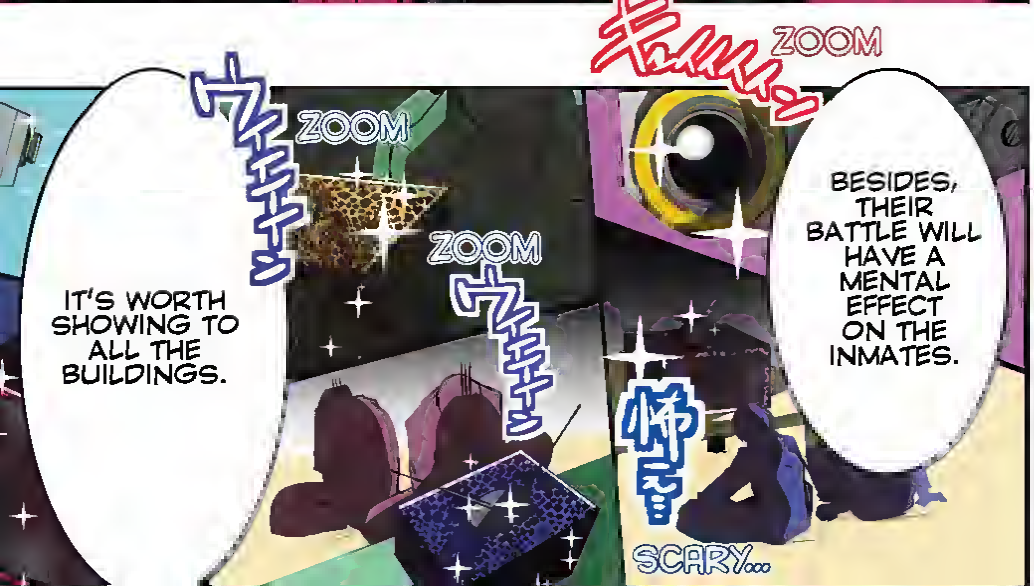
CLOSE
BLUSH
ばむっ
I LIKE SCONES BEST.
OH? YOU LIKE SWEETS, WARDEN?
GASP
HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE
FOR VALENTINE'S
DROOL

AT ANY RATE, GO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL EVENT. I'LL RETURN TO THE EVENT SITE.
AYE-AYE.

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! I JUST WANTED TO READ SOMETHING!
RIGHT?
I GET IT. IF THERE'S A BOOK AROUND, IT'S NATURAL FOR US TO WANT TO READ IT.
HMPH


BUILDINGS 4 AND 13 ARE ADVANCING, CORRECT?
BY THE WAY,

No.1
No.2
IT'S THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. YET AGAIN. BUT IT'LL MAKE THINGS EXCITING, SO I DON'T MIND.
THEY ARE THE TOP TWO, AFTER ALL.
超パフェですよ！
SUPER PERFECT!


ZOOM
キュルルルル
BESIDES, THEIR BATTLE WILL HAVE A MENTAL EFFECT ON THE INMATES.
怖っ！
SCARY...
ZOOM
ヴェェェン
ZOOM
ヴェェェン
IT'S WORTH SHOWING TO ALL THE BUILDINGS.

THE TREMENDOUS ABILITIES AND MENTAL STRENGTHS OF OUR OFFICERS...
WE HOLD THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AT THE START OF THE YEAR ALONG WITH CHANGING THEIR MINDS. WE NEED TO SHOW THE INMATES OUR GUARDS' STRENGTH.
THE INMATES WILL FEEL THEM FIRST-HAND. THAT'S NANBA'S WAY OF EDUCATING THEM.

OHH, HOW SCARY.
怖い②
YOU'RE PROBABLY TIED WITH MY BEST FRIEND.
WARDEN, YOU ARE PRETTY SADISTIC.

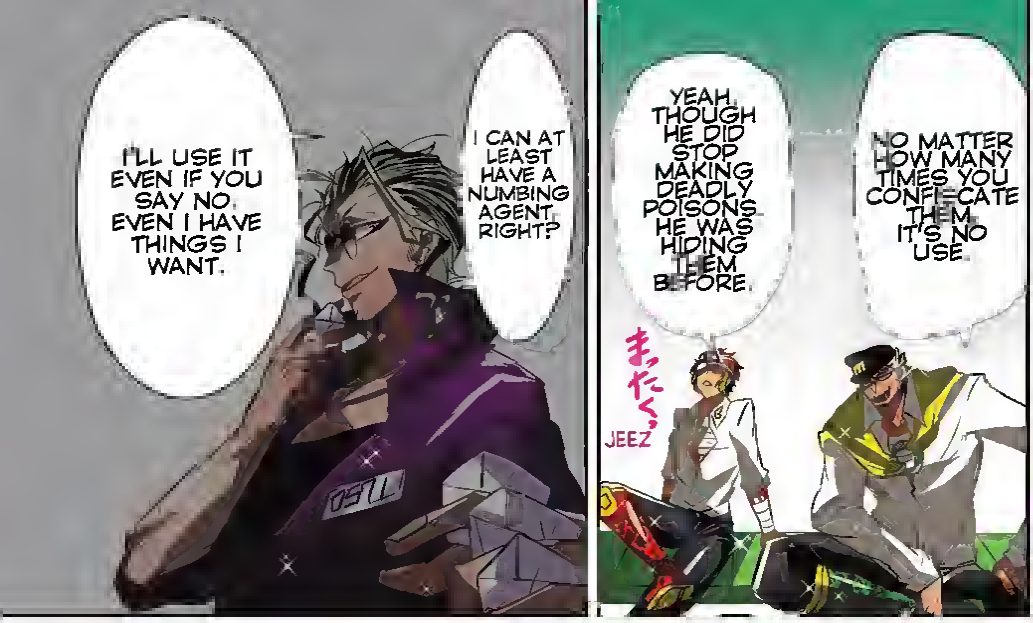
HAJIME, WHO ELSE? YOU KNOW WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS, RIGHT? YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING HIM...
YOUR BEST FRI-END?
GYAON!
NUDGE
AYE-AYE.
GET BACK TO WORK!

HEART THUMP
ドキーン
!!
WHISPER
こそ、
WE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE A VALENTINE'S DAY STORY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
OH.
RIIIP

SETSUBUN IS OVER, TOO!

HAJIME'S VISION
INU'S VISION
CHAPTER 21:
TURBULENCE!! THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT, PART 3

AWW, MAN...
YO.
よ。
WE BOTH LOST, SO DON'T GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT,
SUPER-VISOR.
WHAT?
なぁ？
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
THEY BEAT YOU UP GOOD. HOW PITIFUL.
BUT HE CAN CREATE MEDICINE AND POISON FROM WILD FLOWERS. WELL, THAT'S WHY HE'S HERE, I SUPPOSE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT...
SUCH A SKILL FOR AN INMATE.
HEY, DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD.
THE MEDICA-TION NO. 71 MAKES IS VERY EFFEC-TIVE, AS ALWAYS. YOU'VE HEALED ALREADY.

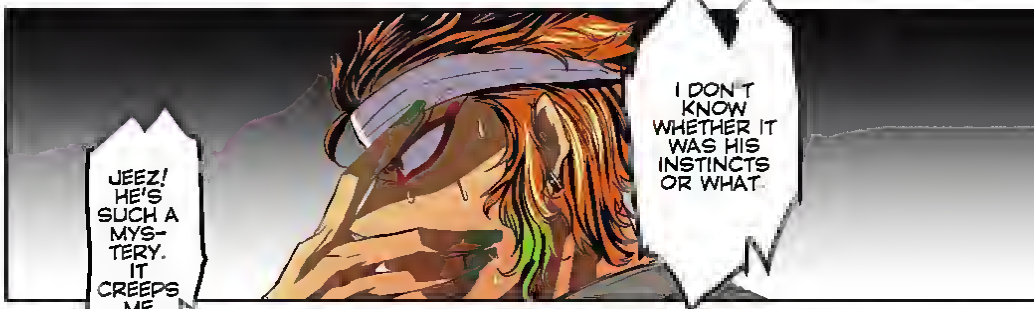

I'LL USE IT EVEN IF YOU SAY NO. EVEN I HAVE THINGS I WANT.
I CAN AT LEAST HAVE A NUMBING AGENT, RIGHT?
YEAH, THOUGH HE DID STOP MAKING DEADLY POISONS. HE WAS HIDING THEM BEFORE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU CONFISCATE THEM, IT'S NO USE.
まったく。
JEEZ

ACCORDING TO NO 71
HUH? WHY IS THAT?
BUT IT HAD NO EFFECT.
HIS DRUG SHOULD'VE BEEN WORKING ON NO. 25, SINCE HE WAS DOWNWIND.

OHH... I GUESS HE'S NO MATCH FOR AN OVER-MEDICATED PATIENT.
IT PROBABLY DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE NO. 25 IS SO USED TO BEING DRUGGED UP ALREADY
SIGH...
はぁ…

NO WAY
EVEN IF HE KNOWS ABOUT THE INMATES IN BUILDING 5,
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW ABOUT NO. 71'S DRUGS, RIGHT?!
IS IT POSSIBLE... THAT HE KNEW?

HAJIME IS A DIFFERENT STORY, THOUGH.
HE NEVER EVEN STOOD DOWNWIND FROM THE DRUG WHERE IT'S EFFECTIVE, IN THE MIDST OF ALL OF THAT CHAOS!


I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS HIS INSTINCTS OR WHAT.
JEEZ! HE'S SUCH A MYSTERY. IT CREEPS ME OUT.

DAMN, BUT I HATE THAT GUY!

PHEW...
SO TIRED.
PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER IS ROUGH.
ごっそり FULL
ゴリっ
GRIND
YEAH, THANKS.
SUPERVISOR! I'VE TAKEN NO. 25-KUN TO THE INFIRMARY. I'LL STAY WITH HIM FOR NOW.
Pi

ALL RIGHT
はぁーい♡
THE STRONG TEAMS THAT SURVIVED THIS FAR WILL BATTLE IT OUT!
WHY DOES HE LOOK LIKE HE'S DYING?
YEEEAHH!! THANKS FOR WAITING! LET'S BEGIN THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT'S FINAL EVENT!
ボロ
TATTERED

4
JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S HEATED BATTLE!
13

GOOD WORK WINNING SO FAR, OFFICERS AND INMATES.
STEP
I ANTICIPATE AN EXCITING MATCH FOR THIS FINAL EVENT.
PROUD
HIT THE OPPONENT WITH YOUR BEST SHOT...
AND WIN!

FINAL EVENT
SAKE BARREL OPENING

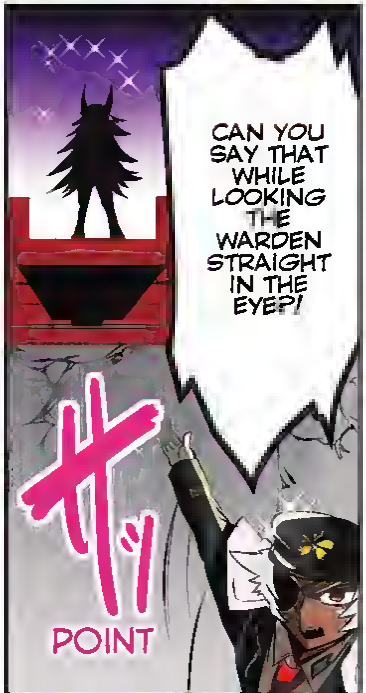
WHAP
YOU WILL ENTER AS A TWO-MAN TEAM CONSISTING OF ONE GUARD AND ONE INMATE!
THE FIRST TEAM TO OPEN THIS SPECIALLY-MADE NANBA PRISON SAKE BARREL WINS!!
トン
THUD

15
TURN
SO?
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS GOING?
SAKE OPENING AT THE END, HUH? WELL, I GUESS THAT FITS NEW YEAR'S.
KICK
ARGH
GET IN THERE ALREADY! YOU'RE THE MAIN CHARACTER AFTER ALL.
GRR
HMPH
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
YOU GUYS HAVE NO MOTIVA-TION!

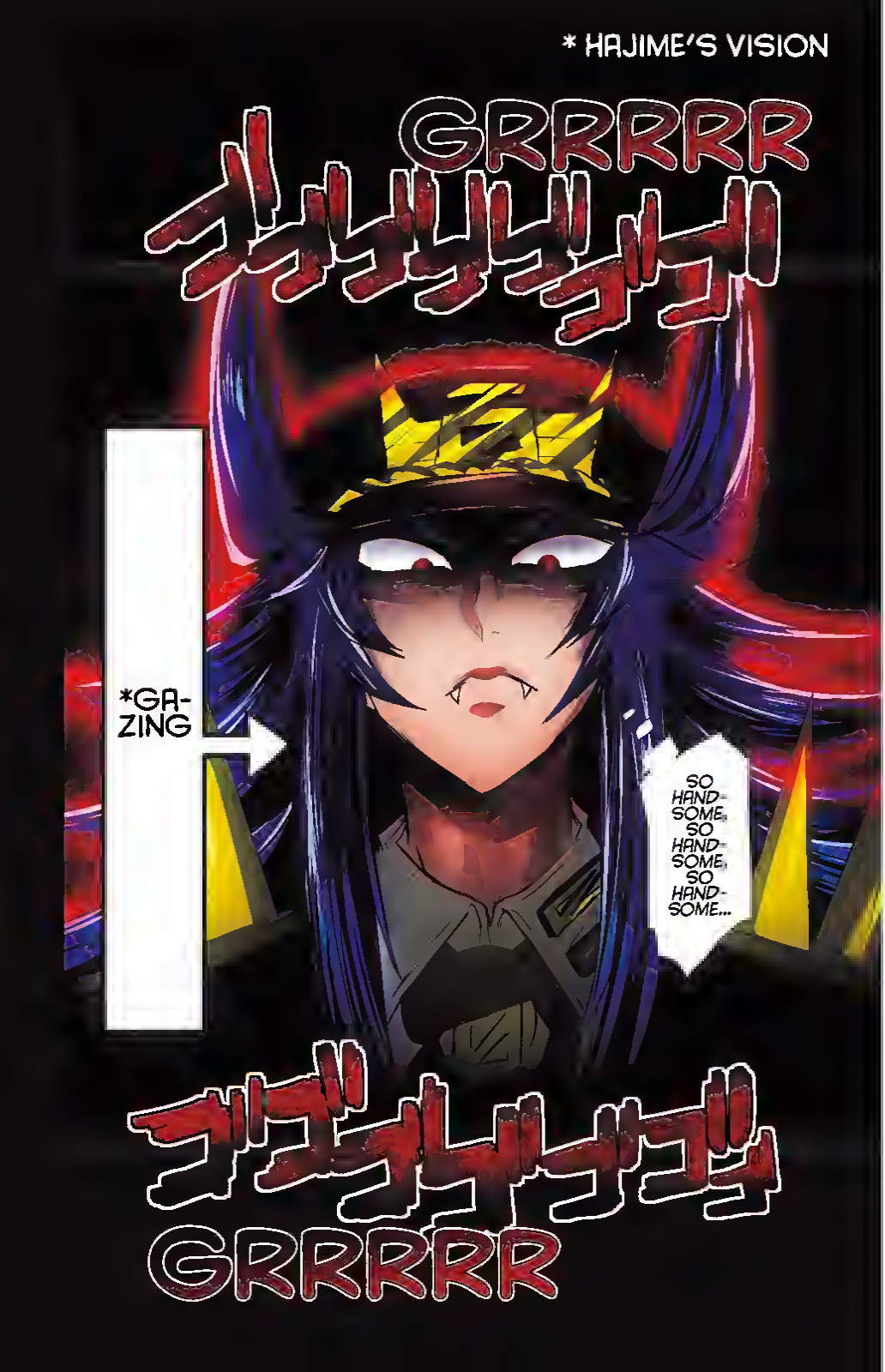
EXTEND
WAIT.
YOU ENTER.
HAJIME SUGO-ROKU.
I'M FINE WITH THAT.
ONE GUARD, HUH? I ENTERED LAST YEAR, SO I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THIS YEAR, YAMATO.
GOOD LUCK. I'M GOING BACK TO THE SMOKING ROOM.
NO.
YOU MUST ENTER.
I LOST LAST YEAR, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR.
ズバッ!
BLUNT
ヒュン
POINT

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
OHH... SO HAND-SOME!
LIKE ALWAYS...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

I WAS UP ALL NIGHT, SO I'M TIRED.
WHAT?!


CAN YOU SAY THAT WHILE LOOKING THE WARDEN STRAIGHT IN THE EYE?!
POINT

THE STRENGTH TO WIN EVENTS... THE VALOR... HOW MAGNIFICENT!
I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A CAMERA.
BLUSHING
BLUSHING


* HAJIME'S VISION
GRRRRR
*GA-
ZING
SO HAND-
SOME,
SO HAND-
SOME,
SO HAND-
SOME...
GRRRRR

A DEATH GLARE!!
SHE'S GIVING ME...
PALES

I'M ALREADY ON HER RADAR
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I GUESS

IF YOU THINK SO, MAYBE IT IS.
HEY, YAMATO... IS THIS SOMETHING I HAVE TO ENTER?

BUT OF COURSE IF YOU SEE THE EYES OF THE WARDEN...
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT OBEY.

STEP
HMPH... IT SEEMS YOU'RE FINALLY UP FOR IT.

IF HIS HEART IS STOLEN BY HER BEAUTY...
*INU'S VISION
I CAN'T BLAME HIM!
4
CLENCH
BUT...

I REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.
#GLARE
はぁ…
SIGH...
I CANNOT FORGIVE YOU.
YOU, WHO STOLE THE HEART OF THE ONE I'VE PLEDGED MY LIFE AND LOYALTY TO!
AND I'LL PROVE TO HER WHICH ONE OF US IS REALLY THE MAN THAT CAN MEASURE UP TO HER.
I WILL DEFINITELY WIN.

MY HEART
BELONGS TO YOU.

ドキドキドキドキ
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
SUGO-ROKU... SO HAND-SOME...
I WILL DEVOTE ALL MY VICTORIES TO YOU...
WARDEN!
キリッ
SERIOUS

SHUT UP! THAT'S MY LINE. YOU THINK I WANTED TO ENTER TWICE IN A ROW?!
HUH?!
あぁ!?
SERIOUSLY?!
はぁ!?
UGH.
I'M TEAMING UP WITH YOU?! THIS IS THE WORST.
ALL RIGHT.
STEP
LET'S GO, NO. 634.
AHH. I KNEW THAT VOICE SOUNDED FAMILIAR. SO IT WAS HIM.
YOU TAKE CARE OF NO. 15.

YOU...
MUSA-SHI!
LONG TIME NO SEE, JYUGO.